



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 12, 2017

What are your priorities?

Over the next three Sundays, excerpts of the fifth and sixth chapters of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew are read. This is the continuation of the *Sermon on the Mount*, which begins with the Beatitudes. Traditionally, this Sunday, the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday, is called Septuagesima Sunday (meaning seventy days - not an exact figure - before Easter). It is a Pre-Lenten time, where we start to think about what our Lenten discipline will be and why we will undertake it. Over the next three weeks, perhaps you could start asking yourself: what are my spiritual priorities in the Lenten preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection? How can I better carry out God's will? What will be my Lenten discipline(s)?

In the Gospels for the next three Sundays, Jesus is telling us to sort out our priorities. There are some profound challenges that Jesus issues about how we ought to live our lives: *"unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven..."*, *"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."*, *"Do not be anxious about your life...but seek first his kingdom and his righteousness..."*

In other words, our choice for Christ must be total. We must seek him first and everything else second. It is a radical message to us. Not only that, but Jesus tells us that we must actively sacrifice our own comforts, priorities, prejudices, and feelings. We must do good to those who don't do good to us, who actively intend us harm. To be a Christian is not the easy road, because it calls us to rise above our immediate instincts and reactions. We would like things just to be nice - it would be great if we could all just get along. Unfortunately, due to the presence of evil and concupiscence in the world, we are never going to be at the stage, this side of heaven, where we can find any kind of "world peace", though we should always strive for it. Jesus tells us that the only kind of true peace we can have comes in fulfilling the will of God. It's a hard message, to be sure, but remember that only in carrying out his commands can we enter his kingdom.

So how will your Lenten discipline this year refocus your life on Christ? How might you improve your commitment to him who laid down his life for you? Ask him what areas of your life need a bit of spiritual weeding and pruning this year. Remember, the most important thing is not to be anxious about your life, but rather be concerned to build up God's kingdom. May God bless you in the coming Lenten season and guide your journey towards him.

--Nigel McBain, Music Ministry and Adult Formation

† PARISH NEWS



PARISH COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$10,819.00	(312 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 3,947.67	(31 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 887.00	
Children:	\$ 72.87	
Total collected last week:	\$ 15,726.54	Thank You!

An average of \$14,000 in weekly contributions is needed to offset the cost of living increase for parish expenses, etc. Thank you!

* * * * *

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (ACH): If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your bank account each month, call the parish office at 996-3639. Forms can also be found on our website, www.holyfamilymitchell.com (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome those who are new to our parish and ask them to call the parish office for registration information, or if you are moving, please also notify the parish office at 996-3639.

BAPTISM: Last Sunday of the month after the Saturday evening Mass (6:15pm) or Sunday after the 11:30am Mass (12:45pm). Please notify the parish office and a Baptism Information Form will be provided.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday – 8:30am – 8:00pm

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS: Tuesday–5:30pm and Saturday–3:30pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM
Confessions: 5:30PM



Next week we begin Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2017. Your gift will help each of the diocesan ministries reach out to thousands, including training our future priests, proclaiming Christ's message through the media, providing counsel to the hurt and reaching out to the youth.

Please prayerfully consider how God is asking you to support this year's appeal. Next week we will learn more about this appeal and the programs it supports. Thank you and I look forward to your participation.

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS

February activities:

- 15th – Education Committee Meeting at 12:00
- 16th – Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:30 – 8:30
- 17th & 20th – No School

Join us at 9 AM every Wednesday for our School Masses at HS Church.

John Paul II School will have their Preschool/Kindergarten Registration Night on Monday, March 6th. You are invited to visit the teachers and Classrooms between 6 – 7:30 P.M.

OTHER HAPPENINGS



BENEDICTINE OBLATE

ORIENTATION: Join other Christian men and women of all faiths who seek to deepen their response to the Gospel through the study and living of the values of the Rule of St. Benedict. The orientation will be held at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, SD at 1:00 pm Sunday, February 19, 2017, in the Chapter Room. If you are interested, call Sister Patricia Heirigs, OSB at 605-668-6017 or email patricia.heirigs@mtmc.edu. There is no cost except to occasionally purchase books.

Calling all interested in serving as Marriage Sponsor Couples!

We are working to strengthen our support for engaged and married couples. A sponsor couple is a couple-to-couple ministry in which married couples mentor engaged couples to help them prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you are interested in becoming a marriage sponsor couple, contact Briana Fiegen at briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com.

Kelly Benson from the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at the diocese will be coming to Mitchell to do a one-day training for both Holy Family and Holy Spirit parishes. Please prayerfully consider your gifts and how you can contribute to our parish family.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



YOUTH BREAKFAST

Where: Holy Spirit
When: February 26th after 9:00am Mass
Menu: Pancakes, bread pudding, sausage, and banana. Gluten free pancakes available!

* * * * *



The 4th Degree Knights are having their Winter Social on February 19th @ 5:00 PM at Overtime restaurant.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- | | | |
|-------|---------|--|
| 02/14 | 8:00am | d. Jerry L. Weber |
| 02/15 | 8:00am | d. Bertha & Arthur Bowar |
| 02/16 | 8:00am | d. Norma Jean Hanten |
| 02/17 | 8:00am | d. Ronald Baysinger |
| 02/18 | 5:00pm | Deceased members of Norb Nuebel family |
| 02/19 | 8:30am | d. Jackie Miiller |
| | 10:00am | d. Jerry L. Weber |
| | 11:30am | For Holy Family Parish |

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

- | | | |
|-------|---------|--|
| 02/18 | 5:00pm | L-M Pecenka; EM-Deacon Graves, R&C Scheich, R Wuertzer, M Redder |
| 02/19 | 8:30am | L-J Feiner; EM-F&M Bruna, J Schlimgen R&E Sullivan |
| | 10:00am | L-T Kriese; EM-R Kriese, R Hempel, C Symes, T&J Schumacher |
| | 11:30am | L-K Ewing; EM-H&B Kelly, J Hunt, A Sparks S Peschong |

Mass Servers

- | | | |
|-------|---------|----------------------------------|
| 02/18 | 5:00pm | A Fergen, C Grimsley, K Gullings |
| 02/19 | 8:30am | J Herrlein, L LeBrun, K Nash |
| | 10:00am | M&K Bannwarth, G Hempel |
| | 11:30am | C Bartunek, B&B Sparks |

Ministers of Hospitality

- | | | |
|-------|---------|---|
| 02/18 | 5:00pm | B&J Freeman, J&C Lynde, M&J McMahon |
| 02/19 | 8:30am | B&D Everson, R&D Kelly, T Misiaszek, B Young |
| | 10:00am | M Miiller, H Morgan, B&B Puetz, K Soukup, N Zimmerman |
| | 11:30am | H&L Andersen, G&C Docter, S Podzimek, C Reimnitz |

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD

- | | |
|------|--|
| 2/14 | Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm |
| | Men’s Choir Rehearsal – 4pm – Music Office |
| | Children’s Choir Rehearsal – 5 pm – Music Office |
| | Confessions – 5:30pm |
| | Women’s Choir Rehearsal – 6 pm – Music Office |
| 2/15 | John Paul II School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church |
| | Faith Formation Classes – K-6 5:30pm/7-12 6:45pm – JPII School |
| | Full Choir Rehearsal – 6pm – Music Office |
| | RCIA – 7:30pm – Nazareth Rm |
| 2/16 | Adult Faith Formation Course – Morn 9am/Eve 6:30pm –Naz. Rm |
| 2/17 | Finance Committee Meeting – 12 Noon –Nazareth Rm |
| 2/17 | No School |
| 2/18 | Confessions – 3:30pm |

* * * * *

SCRIP and RAFFLE TICKETS will be for sale in the gathering space after Mass today. Thank you for supporting JPII School!